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- (1) JP 11-292787 A, October 26, 1999;
- (2) EP 0 845 265 A1, June 3, 1998, Applicants note that this document is an English language family member of document (1);
- (3) WO 97/02260 A1, January 23, 1997; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the present application, beginning at page 2, line 6;
- (4) EP 0 870 767 A1, October 14, 1998; Applicants note that this document is an English language family member of document (3);

- (5) JP 9-24085 A, January 28, 1997, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by Patent Abstracts of Japan); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the present application, beginning at page 2, line 7;
- (6) JP 61-227581 A, October 9, 1986;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 4,678,783 (HIDAKA et al.), July 7, 1987; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (6);
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,678,783 B1 (HIDAKA et al.), April 4, 1995; Applicants note that this document is a reexamination certificate of document (7).

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following document cited in the present application :

- (9) JP 5-3851 B2, January 18, 1993; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the present application, beginning at page 2, line 5; Applicants further note that this document is a family member of documents (6)-(8).

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner to the following document:

- (10) WO 97/23222 A1, July 3, 1997.

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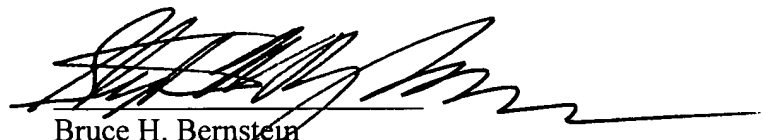
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1	English language abstract of JP 9-24082.

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